

COUNCIL AND UTILITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF ROCK HALL**TOWN OF ROCK HALL**

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**MINUTES - MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
July 12, 2012**

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
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The Mayor convened the Mayor and Council Regular meeting on the above date at 7:40 p.m. All Councilmembers were present. The Assistant Clerk – Treasurer and Captain Dempsey were also present.

Councilmember Price gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was given in respect to those who serve our country on our behalf.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Councilmember Francis made a motion to approve the Budget Hearing minutes from the June 14, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Special Budget Meeting minutes from the June 14, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Nesspor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Price made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the June 14, 2012 meeting. Councilmember Jones seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS/INVITED GUESTS:

There were a few members of the Rock Hall Sons of the American Legion in attendance of the meeting. While in attendance the Mayor presented the Rock Hall Sons of the American Legion with a \$500.00 donation for the Wounded Warrior Benefit. The Mayor also presented the Rock Hall Sons of the American Legion with a plaque in recognition of their support for the Girls Softball team. The Mayor asked if they would consider making a donation to the town for a bullet proof vest on behalf of the part time police officer that has just been hired on. Mr. Billy

(Scratch) Ashley said that he would mention it at their next meeting and get back to the Mayor about it.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Assistant Clerk – Treasurer read the Financial Report into the record as follows:

General Fund Investment Account: \$154,250.82

Utilities Fund Investment Account: \$ 80,951.67

Total Available Funds: \$235,202.49

Property Taxes Outstanding: \$ 56,038.25

Utilities Fund Outstanding: \$152,217.43

Services Rendered Outstanding: \$ 1,517.00

Total Outstanding: \$209,772.68

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Mayor thanked Mrs. Patsy Reihl for the donation of a picnic table that was placed at the Civic Center for the community to use.

The Mayor read a Thank You card from the town's Clerk Treasurer, Stephanie Loller. She thanked the Mayor and Council for the thoughtfulness & gifts during her family's time of sorrow due to the passing of her father-in-law Mr. Bill Loller. It was greatly appreciated.

POLICE REPORT:

Captain Dempsey read the report into record. The 4th of July celebration throughout the town was a success for as many people as we had present and the amount of heat that we had to deal with. I sat in on a meeting that the Pirates & Wenches Committee held and learned quite a bit about how that was being handled and how things were being set up. It was very informative. So, hopefully things will run just as smoothly for it as it did for the 4th of July.

STREETS/SANITATION:

Councilmember Jones reported that Brambles had been in town and patched a few areas that needed attending to. There are a couple of more spots around town that need to be patched and we are working on having them fixed. He said that the Town guys did an excellent job during the 4th of July festivities.

SEWER/WATER:

Councilmember Nesspor read the reports into record. He said everything seemed to be running well. Mr. Denny Dalrymple has done a fantastic job with the operation of the wastewater treatment plant. There was a leak at the end of Lawton Avenue that has been fixed. I spoke to Mr. Landon just before the start of this meeting and he was very pleased with the way that the leak was fixed and the manner in which it was handled. He was very appreciative and grateful. So, another job well done to the guys who helped get that taken care of.

PARKS/RECREATION:

Councilmember Francis stated that the Beach party was a big success. The kids and parents all seemed to enjoy themselves. So much so that they've asked to have another beach party put together before the end of the summer. So, we are going to try to get at least one more if not two more beach parties put together to have before the summers end. The 4th of July was a huge success as well. We had plenty of people come in town for the festivities.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Councilmember Price stated that there was nothing to report. The Planning & Zoning board had not met since the last meeting held.

MUSEUM BOARD:

Councilmember Francis didn't have anything new to report on for the Museum Board. They didn't have a meeting this month. The next scheduled meeting is to be held on August 7, 2012.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor mentioned a movie night that has been planned to be held at the beach on July 28, 2012. The rain date is scheduled for July 29, 2012. Mr. Brad Ahrens is going to be supplying the movie screen to allow us to do this with. We will be showing The Pirates of the Caribbean. We hope that it turns out to be a successful event. We are going to try to plan two more event nights on the beach in the month of August and one more in the month of September.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Nesspor asked about a Judges Trophy that Robbie Plato had won and asked if he could take it to him, he didn't realize that he had a trophy to pick up down at the Civic Center after the parade was all said and done.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Town Manager was not present to give a report.

GOOD OF THE TOWN:

Mayor Willis mentioned the Main Street Car Show on July 20, 2012. He also mentioned the upcoming Pirates & Wenches Weekend on August 10 -12, 2012. There is also the GED class scheduled to take place. They will have an informational meeting on July 31, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. They will hold that meeting here in the auditorium. Mr. Gary Hopkins has taken over the management of posting the public events on the boards in town. He seems to be doing a fantastic job with that so far. Mrs. Patsy Reihl asked if there could be updates given every month at the Mayor and Council meetings in regards to the Transportation statistics. The Mayor stated that he didn't see where there would be

a problem getting Ronnie to give a report in regards to the progress of the Transportation system.

Councilmember Price made a motion to move into an Executive Session - Under the Maryland Open Meeting's Law, Section 10-508, Subsection A; Paragraph 1, and Subparagraphs 1 & 2 for the purposes of discussing personnel issues. Councilmember Francis Seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor reconvened the Mayor and Council meeting after adjourning the Executive Session at 10:10 p.m. The Mayor and Council discussed the possibility of hiring a grant writer. There was no decision made in regards to this discussion during the Executive Session and with that the Executive Session was adjourned. We did discuss and advisory board as well during that session and nothing was decided upon in regards to that either. Councilmember Nesspor mentioned that the backhoe needed back tires and would like to have the approval of the Mayor and remaining Council to purchase new tires for the Backhoe. The Mayor mentioned that Captain Dempsey needed new tires for his car, and maybe we can include the Backhoe tires in with this purchase and get a deal on them all. Everyone was in agreement that we purchase new tires for the Backhoe.

With there being no further business, Councilmember Price made a motion to adjourn at 10:20 p.m.; Councilmember Francis seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved:

Robert E. Willis, Mayor

Olin B. Price, Councilmember

Susan A. Francis, Councilmember

Brian Nesspor, Councilmember

Brian Jones, Councilmember